

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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Worship at 9:30am, Sunday school at 10:45am

WORSHIP

<p>March 3- Enough, Already! Assembly's annual Carnival Sunday <i>Fellowship and activities at 9:30am</i> <i>Worship at 10:30am</i> <i>No Sunday school</i> <i>2% Offering</i></p> <p>Worship leaders: <i>Thomas Bona</i> Storytellers: <i>Kim Kurtz, Marshall King, Jeanne Liechty</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Tumbleweeds & Well Seasoned</i></p> <p>Scripture: <i>Exodus 16:1-17:4, Numbers 11:1-10, Psalm 55, John 6:22-66</i></p>	<p>March 10</p> <p>Worship leader: <i>Anna Yoder Schlabach</i> Sermon: <i>Lora Nafziger</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Maple</i></p> <p>Scripture: <i>Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2,9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13</i></p>
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CALENDAR

TODAY	Mar 3	Carnival Sunday!
Tue	Mar 5	5-7pm Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner at Meetinghouse
Tue	Mar 5	7pm Leadership Group meeting
Wed	Mar 6	11:30am Women's Lunch Bunch at Greencroft Community Center 7pm Ash Wednesday service at Meetinghouse
Sun	Mar 10	12-3pm JYF gathering at Chandler Gym
Wed	Mar 13	6-8pm Small Group Childcare

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

Spencer Glick Miller (1st Parkside) turned 7 on Feb. 27! Spencer enjoys gym and computers at school. He takes ninja classes and loves to do front flips into the pit. He likes to play Lego dimensions with his family. He is an excellent climber of trees, ropes and walls! He is good at solving problems, has a good imagination and is curious.

TODAY is Carnival Sunday! Please note that we will gather for donuts and coffee at 9:30, and that 1st hour will start at 10:30am. See the handout attached at the top of this email or on the lit table for more info.

Celebrate the last day before Lent with a Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner (with Steve Shantz maple syrup!) at the meetinghouse from 5-7pm hosted by your pastors! Please bring plates and utensils for your household.

Lent begins with an Ash Wednesday service March 6 at 7pm at the meetinghouse. This year our theme is "Holy Longing, Holy Feast". See the intro for this year's Lent series (attached at the top of this email and found on the lit table) for more information. If you or your household

would like to mark Lent in a tangible way, consider picking up a purple and ivory colored packet on the round white table in the gathering space to make a paper chain to count down to Easter.

Our prayers are with Cora Shreiner Landes, her parents Wendel and Cheryl and brother Quinn as they learned this week that Cora has been diagnosed with type one diabetes. Cora spent the week in South Bend children's hospital after being admitted Tue afternoon with diabetic ketoacidosis. She and her parents participated in intensive education and she was planned to be released Fri. As the family learns to what it means to live with diabetes, they would appreciate your ongoing prayers and meals for the freezer would be appreciated. You can sign up at take [them a meal](#) (or look up last name: Shreiner and password: Landes).

A note for Assembly from Carolyn Schrock Shenk's family: Even after 3 weeks it still seems impossible that Carolyn is not with us, we miss her and all that she was to us so much. Our grief was held so well by your loving community as you shared comforting thoughts, fed us and just were there for us. The memorial service came

together, filled with grace and joy, and you honored Carolyn with music, hospitality and kind words. Carolyn's spirit was with us and I think she was just delighted with the vibrant splashes of color from flowers around the sanctuary as we raised our voices to "Over my Head" to the last song of "Lift your glad voices." Thank you so much for grieving with us and providing a space for us to remember and celebrate Carolyn's life together.

All are invited to a reception for the exhibit "Brought Home: Objects and Stories from 50 Years of SST" at 3:30pm on Wed, Mar 6, in the Goshen College Good Library Gallery. This exhibit includes objects brought home from participants in the college's 50-year-old Study-Service Term program. Curated by John Blosser, this exhibit will be on display from Mar 3-May 19.

(repeat) **Please join us** for our Assembly Women's Lunch Bunch at 11:30 Wed, Mar 6 at the Greencroft Community Center. (Every Assembly woman is invited!) Our speaker will be Marlys Weaver-Stoesz and we will have soup/crackers/cheese for lunch. To request a lunch, contact Joyce at joycehos@gmail.com before Fri, Mar 1.

(repeat) **Reihe Einen Spring Ensemble**, conducted by Jeremiah Chico will hold a Benefit Concert at the meetinghouse on Apr 13 at 6pm. All proceeds will be sent to Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network.

(repeat) **The 2018 State** of the Congregation report was presented last week and the Congregational meeting. It can be found [here](#) along with the 2018 Statistics.

(repeat) **We are grateful** for Assembly Mennonite Church's generous support of the work of Mennonite Central Committee, as we provide hope, healing and comfort around the world in the name of Christ. Thank you for the ways you contribute to the work of MCC through volunteering time, creativity and energy at thrift shops, relief sales, meat canning and in assembling material resource kits. We were also blessed by your financial support of \$12,039.36 in 2018. Keep us in your prayers as we collaborate with our 508 partners in 57 countries who are sharing God's love and compassion through relief, development and peace in the name of Christ. To read about specific partners and projects, please visit mcc.org. With thanks, Les Gustafson-Zook, MCC Great Lakes

(repeat) **Thank you**, Assembly Mennonite Church, for giving \$21,880.00 to Mennonite Mission Network in 2018! Your donations, prayers, and enthusiastic participation play a vital role in our global church. Together, we more fully experience God's kingdom on earth.

(repeat) **A letter to the editor** written by Bruce Bishop in the Goshen News published on Feb 15 criticizing Trump. Bruce would be happy for you to [read it here](#).

community connections

Today, the Goshen College Chamber Choir and Orchestra will present their home concert, titled "All of Us: A Song of Gratitude," after touring and performing in Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona during spring break. The concert takes place today, Mar 3, 7:30pm in Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall. Tickets are \$7 adults, \$5 students/seniors.

All are invited to an Ash Wednesday Service at Pathways Retreat (309 1/2 Hackett Rd, Goshen) on Mar 6, 12-12:30pm. This service includes scripture, song, silence, and marking with ashes; an opportunity to turn our faces toward the One who calls our hearts home.

www.pathwaysretreat.org

Curious about what Goshen College has to offer? Join us on Fri, Mar 8, for an Explore Goshen Day open house, and join other curious students on a campus visit! Learn about financial aid and scholarships, take a campus tour and have your admissions questions answered. Learn more at goshen.edu/visit.

The Post, a Christian drop-in center for Goshen youth since 2004, is hosting a pancake breakfast fundraiser on Sat, Mar 9, 7 am-noon, at 301 E Lincoln Ave. Please consider supporting this local non-profit which is making a positive impact in our community.

Looking for a little lighthearted grace-filled humor? Let comedian, theologian and playwright Ted Swartz's show "The Big Story" entertain and move you as he brings Biblical characters to life in unexpected ways during his Ted & Co. performance at Kern Road Mennonite Church on Sat, Mar 9. This FREE performance starts at 7pm with free-will donations accepted after the show. Contact Beth Gerig at 274-1054 or visit Ted & Company's Facebook page at facebook.com/TedandCompany for more info.

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Please join us for an evening of good food and fellowship at the Friends of Amigo Banquet, 6pm on Mar 14 at Yellow Creek Mennonite Church in Goshen. Come to hear an update about this past year at Amigo Centre and what we're working on in 2019. Please call to let us know you are coming! 269-651-2811

John Sharp, the father of Michael J. Sharp, will be climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro March 4 to 12 to honor MJ, his son who died in March 2017 while working for the United Nations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The hike is to raise money for EMU's Center for Justice & Peacebuilding and raise awareness of the ongoing violence in the Congo. You can learn more and contribute by going to <https://emu.edu/dream-hike/>.

Habitat for Humanity Panel Build March 16: Bethany Christian Schools is hosting a Habitat for Humanity panel build on Saturday, March 16, and students are raising \$10,000 to help with the cost of materials. Anyone interested in volunteering at the build or donating money towards the build should contact the school (574 534-2567)—more information available online at bethanycs.net/habitatbuild2019.

Mennonite Mission Network is seeking a full time Donor Relations Representative to represent Mission Network, strengthen relationships with Mennonite Church USA constituents and cultivate and solicit charitable support for Mission Network purposes. Duties may include some responsibilities in communication. Candidates should bring a passion to connect with God's reconciling mission to the world, the ability to relate well to people, listen perceptively, and elicit participation. Ability and willingness to travel is a must. Experience in fundraising is an asset. Position available immediately. Send resumé and cover letter to Linda Krueger, Human Resources Coordinator at LindaK@MennoniteMission.net. Read the position description at www.MennoniteMission.net.

(repeat) **Help your child grow** up to be their best self! Learn proven strategies that can turn around common and yet challenging behaviors like whining, yelling, talking back, hitting and avoiding sleep. On Feb 26 and Mar 5 and 12 from 6-8pm each evening Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) and St. Marks United Methodist Church in

Goshen will offer groups on Dealing with Disobedience, Developing Good Bedtime Routines and Managing Fighting & Aggression. Attend one, two or all three groups, child care is provided, and there is no charge. All are welcome! For more information check out Triple P's website at www.triplepelkhartcounty.org or call Triple P at (574) 226-0160.

(repeat) **Upcoming Goshen College Performing Arts Series** concerts include The Step Crew (\$40/\$35/\$25) on **Friday, March 29** at 7:30 p.m. More info and tickets available at goshen.edu/tickets or at the GC Box Office.

(repeat) **March First Friday Fundraiser** for The Window will be Mar 1, 4:30-7pm. It will be hosted by Millie Hernandez and family, and the menu will include Puerto Rican rice, beans, roast pork, salad and custard pie.

(repeat) **Open House at Bethany:** Bethany Christian Schools will host a drop-in open house noon to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 3, for anyone considering enrolling for fall 2019 and beyond. Bring your family and invite others from your church or neighborhood who may have interest in Bethany. Stop by after church for a light lunch, and faculty and staff will be available to answer questions and give tours. So we know to expect you for the meal, please register online (bethanycs.net/admissions/visit) or RSVP to Trish Yoder in the admissions office ([574 534-2657](tel:574-534-2657) or admissions@bethanycs.net).

(repeat) **All are welcome** to join us on Goshen College's campus March 5-6 for the Study-Service Term Conference, "Global Education for All: Renewing Our Vision," as we remember the past 50 years of SST and look ahead to its future with a reception, panels, workshops and more. Guest speakers include former SST participants Elaine Meyer-Lee '87, associate vice president for global learning and leadership at Agnes Scott College, and Ron Krabill '90, associate professor in the interdisciplinary arts & sciences program at the University of Washington Bothell. Learn more at goshen.edu/sst/50.

(repeat) **Come along with the Maple City Community Orchestra AND the Bethany Christian High School Orchestra and Band** for a musical journey around the world! Admission is free and open to all ages, with a freewill offering at the door. The trip begins at Goshen

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College Music Center, Sauder Concert Hall, on Sat, Mar 9 at 7:30pm. Hope you will join us!

(repeat) **Goshen College** visiting artist Teresa Pankratz, a book and paper artist and the 2019 Eric Yake Kenagy Visiting Artist, will present a public Lecture on Sun, Mar 10 at 7pm in the Music Center's Rieth Recital Hall, with a reception at 8pm. She will also present a performed reading titled "The View From a House in Kansas" in the Music Center's Hershberger Art Gallery on Tue, Mar 12 at 7pm. Her work is on display from Feb 17-Mar 24.

(repeat) **Tickets are available** for Goshen College's Spring Musical, "Bright Star," in the Umble Center March 15, 16 & 22 at 7:30pm and March 17 & 24 at 2:30pm. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$7 for students/seniors/GC staff. "Bright Star" is an uplifting musical journey featuring the Grammy-nominated Americana score by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell. Set in 1940s North Carolina, after a chance encounter with a young, aspiring author just home from World War II, literary editor Alice Murphy relives the harrowing journey that helped shape her.

(repeat) **Tickets for Goshen College's** annual International Student Club Coffeehouse, Sat, Mar 23, are now available. Come enjoy delicious homemade food from more than a dozen different countries, followed by a performance of music and dance from around the world. Dinner is at 5pm in the Church Fellowship Hall, and the performance is at 7:30pm in the Music Center. Tickets for the dinner and performance are \$20 for adults (\$14 performance only), and \$14 students/children (\$6 performance only).

(repeat) **Eighth Street Preschool** is now accepting registrations for 3 and 4 year olds for the 2019-2020 school year. The 3's class meets Tue & Thur 9-11:30am. The 4's class meets Mon/Wed/Fri. 9am-1:30pm. Our 4's morning only class (9-11:30) is already full after priority registration. Classes run Aug 26-May 18. There is a \$30 application fee. Call 533-6720 for more information and to get registration form.

(repeat) **MCC's Sharing With** Appalachia People (SWAP) program is seeking volunteer groups and individuals. Summer will be here before we know it, so make your summer plans now to join SWAP in Kentucky or West Virginia. Don't miss out on your chance to serve with this

home repair ministry while learning about life in Appalachia. Groups or individuals can volunteer to serve for week-long opportunities. For more information about bringing a group to SWAP, visit swap.mcc.org or contact Angela Maggard at AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org or 606-633-5065.

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